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Grant Applications for Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Currently Being Accepted

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today 2015 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) applications are currently being accepted. Those interested in applying can do so thru 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2015.

Established by Congress in 1998, JABG was created to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. JABG funding is provided to programs focused on reducing juvenile delinquency, improving the juvenile justice system, and increasing the accountability of juvenile offenders and the systems that serve them.

More specifically, JABG enables recipients to promote accountability in the juvenile justice system through support for: juvenile facilities, accountability-based sanctions, the hiring of additional juvenile judges, probation officers, prosecutors, and public defenders, pretrial services, juvenile gun and drug courts, and controlled substance testing. Additionally, JABG supports interagency information-sharing programs that enable partner agencies to make informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision, and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious or violent delinquent acts. Further, JABG authorizes programs that use law enforcement to protect school personnel and students from drug, gang, and youth violence.

JABG is provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and administered by ICJI. In 2013, more than \$520,000 was awarded to 25 programs.

JABG applications are accepted through the Egrants online application process, found at <https://egrants.cji.in.gov>. Applicants must be registered in Egrants, and first time registrants can visit the Egrants website and click on the Register button located on the front page. Failure to register will prevent applicants from obtaining access to the application system and registration could take several days for first time registrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 24 hours of the deadline. Late applications or applications submitted through any means other than Egrants, will not be scored or considered for funding.

For more information regarding Safe Haven programs or the Indiana Safe School Fund, please visit: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2339.htm>. For those needing technical assistance submitting a grant application, the Egrants Helpdesk is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm ET, and can be reached at: CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov. An Egrants manual is also available online, and can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2375.htm>. To view all current ICJI funding opportunities, please visit <http://www.in.gov/cji/2371.htm>.

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